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NEW OFFICIAL ADDRESS FOR THE WADER STUDY GROUP

Waders are highly mobile animals: that is one reason why they are so extensively studied. Unfortunately, those who work on them are also highly mobile. This, and the changes in the membership of the Executive Committee and roles of the various officers of the Group, mean that addresses for correspondence concerning the various roles of the Wader Study Group have been changing with increasing regularity. We have been concerned that this increases the risk that letters may not reach their correct destination, or may do so only after delay.

To improve efficiency, we have therefore decided that a single address should be arranged for the majority of WSG correspondence. This address is now available, and is:

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From now on, this address should be used for all correspondence (membership, colour-marking register, general enquiries etc.), with the exception of correspondence to do with *Wader Study Group Bulletin*.

All correspondence, except that in the *New World*, concerning the *Bulletin* should continue, as now, to be directed to the editorial address:

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Northminster House
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PE1 1UA
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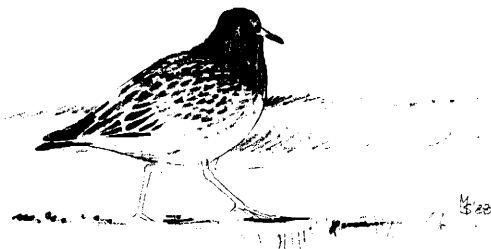
Bulletin correspondence concerning the *New World* should be addressed to the *New World* Editors (addresses on the inside front cover).

Stephen Baillie, General Secretary

SUBSCRIPTION CHANGES FOR 1988

The AGM of the Group endorsed the recommendation of the Executive Committee, as reported in *Bulletin* 49:2, and authorised an increase in the annual subscription effective from 1 January 1988.

Hence WSG subscriptions from 1 January 1988 will be raised to £12 (US \$19, Canadian \$26) for individual membership. For institutional membership, rates will be £30 (US \$48, Canadian \$65). These subscription rates include postage of the *Bulletin* by surface mail; members desiring delivery of their *Bulletins* by airmail will be need to pay higher subscription rates, as is shown on the membership renewal form enclosed with this issue.



DATA PROTECTION ACT

As will have been apparent to members, the Wader Study Group increasingly uses computers to ensure the smooth running of the Group. The *WSG Bulletin* has been produced on computer since 1984. In 1985 we began to computerise the membership records system. Such computerisation is vital for the smooth running of the Group. Indeed, administration of the membership records would become very difficult without this facility.

In 1984, the Data Protection Act took effect in the U.K. Because the administration of the Wader Study Group is based in the U.K., we must comply with this Act. To comply with the conditions of the Data Protection Act 1984, it is our duty to inform all Wader Study Group members that we currently hold their membership details on computer disc. For each member these details comprise their name and address, status of membership (i.e. private or institutional), and notes of their subscription payments for the current, and the two previous, years.

One of the main functions of the Wader Study Group is to promote and co-ordinate contact between people working on waders worldwide. Hence, members should be aware that it is Wader Study Group policy to print in *WSG Bulletin* the names and addresses of new members, as well as changes of address of existing members. At regular intervals we publish also a full membership list. We regard such publication as also necessary for the proper functioning of the group.